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Mr. Armando J. "Joe" Roberto is the Deputy to the Commander of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). In this position, he serves as the Commander's special assistant, with authority over key personnel in his role as Chief of Staff for ERDC support staff elements. The support staff operates as a virtual team, totaling 400 federal employees, plus numerous support contracts, to address the business functions across ERDC sites.

ERDC R&D supports the Department of Defense and other agencies in military and civilian projects. Principal mission areas include civil engineering, environment, water resources engineering, and physical sciences. Research projects include facilities, airfields and pavements, protective structures, sustainment engineering, environmental quality, installation restoration (cleanup), compliance and conservation, regulatory functions, flood control, navigation, recreation, hydropower, topography, mapping, geospatial data, winter climatic conditions, oceanography, environmental impacts, and information technology.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Roberto was Chief of the ERDC Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory's Technical Resources Center. He was responsible for providing technical services support for CRREL's research missions and for selected external customers in the areas of facility support, specialized engineering, logistics/contracting, and information resource management. He has also served in other capacities within the Corps of Engineers, including positions in Alaska and Germany.

Career highlights include membership on a Corps of Engineers Headquarters survey team that traveled to Saudi Arabia in 1979 to make recommendations to on the organizational structure and staffing levels needed to execute the Corps' Saudi Construction Program, the largest construction program in Corps history; selection as action officer to establish the program management office for deployment of the grand launch cruise missiles throughout Europe in 1984; led CRREL information management initiatives that established the organization as the leader of Internet services for Corps Headquarters and other federal agencies; led a 10-year effort that resulted in the dedication of a 24,000-square-foot Technical Information Analysis Center at CRREL in 1994; and led a partnership initiative that resulted in the establishment of the Cold Regions Center of Expertise, a joint venture between CRREL and the Alaska District, in 1996.

Mr. Roberto has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western New England College and is a graduate of the Resource Management College at Syracuse University. He has received numerous awards, both professionally and in his community, including the Information Management Director Award for Civilian Service, the CRREL Federal Women's Program Award, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and the Lions International Melvin Jones Fellow Award.